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ECEVIT: FREEDOM FOR ALL TURKISH CYPRIOTS 'IN NEAR FUTURE'

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(TEXT) ISTANBUL - *Austolian Agency (semi-official)* (A.A.)--PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT ARRIVED HERE THIS MORNING AMID WARM DEMONSTRATIONS OF THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS. PEOPLE CARRYING CLACARDS "LEADER OF DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTIES," "INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY," "CHAMPION OF JUST AND HUMANE ORDER" WELCOMED HIM. ABOUT A THOUSAND CARS ACCOMPANIED HIM FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CITY. PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT HELD A MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR OF ISTANBUL AND THE MINISTERS ACCOMPANYING HIM. THEN HE LEFT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY, WHERE HE MADE HIS SPEECH TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE GATHERED IN THE OPEN AIR.

ECEVIT SAID HE HAD PLANNED A COUNTRY TOUR SOME TIME AGO, BUT HE HAD TO CANCEL HIS VISITS DUE TO CYPRUS OPERATION (WHICH--FBIS) ERUPTED UNEXPECTEDLY. "TURKS WERE CAPTIVES IN CYPRUS UNTIL A MONTH AGO. NOW MOST OF THEM ARE FREE MEN. IN THE NEAR FUTURE ALL WILL TASTE FREEDOM." HE SAID.

A NEW CYPRUS BORN

"A NEW CYPRUS HAD BEEN BORN. THERE IS A STRONGER TURKEY IN THE WORLD TODAY. A NEW ERA OPENED BY THE OCTOBER 14 ELECTIONS IN TURKEY. IN THIS NEW ERA, TURKISH DEMOCRACY BEGAN TO FUNCTION AGAIN, LEAVING BEHIND THE (MISTAKES) OF THE PAST," ECEVIT SAID.

HE SAID CYPRUS INCIDENTS HAD PROVED HOW A NATION CAN UNITE IN SPIRE OF DIFFERING VIEWS WHEN NATIONAL INTERESTS ARE AT STAKE. "FREEDOM OF THOUGHT SECURED BY DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES IS NOT AN OBSTACLE. TURKEY HAS PROVED IT. WE HAVE UNITED AROUND A NATIONAL ISSUE AND WE HAVE WON WORLDWIDE RESPECT FOR IT."

ECEVIT SAID ANOTHER TEST OF THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF DEMOCRACY IN ONE COUNTRY IS THE HARMONIOUS EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL POWER AND THE MILITARY POWER. TURKEY HAS GIVEN AN EXAMPLARY PROOF OF THIS DURING THE CYPRUS OPERATION. "IT PROVED THAT THE INTERNAL INCIDENTS OF THE RECENT HISTORY HAD NOT DIVERTED THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES FROM ITS MAIN TASK, AND THAT THE ARMED FORCES HAD TAKEN A DEVOTED LINE ON ITS REAL DUTY OF KEEPING READY FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE COUNTRY," HE SAID.

ON BRAVERY

REAL BRAVERY STEMS FROM LOVE OF MANKIND, LOVE OF PEACE. REAL BRAVERY LIES IN THE WILL OF SUBDUING THE OPPRESSOR, NOT THE OPPRESSED. IT IS NOT BRAVERY TO SHOOT INNOCENT, UNARMED CIVILIANS, THE WOMEN AND THE CHILDREN, OR THE NEWSMAN WHOSE HANDS ARE CUFFED AND BLINDFOLDED. BRAVERY IS TO PUT HIS OWN LIFE INTO DANGER IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT PEOPLE SUFFERING IN THE HANDS OF MERCILESS MURDERERS. TURKISH ARMED FORCES--HE METCIK--FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM, FOR PEACE AND FOR HUMANE PRINCIPLES IN CYPRUS," ECEVIT.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

PRIME MINISTER, WHOSE SPEECH WAS INTERRUPTED OFTEN WITH APPLAUSE, CONTINUED: "WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE COURSE OF ELEVEN LONG YEARS WHILE TURKS IN CYPRUS WERE BEING ATTACKED, KILLED IN THEIR BEDS, SUFFERING ALL KINDS OF HUMILIATION? WHERE WERE THEY WHO CRITICIZE US NOW WHILE GREEK OFFICERS KILLED EACH OTHER, VIOLATED THE CONSTITUTION, AND DESTROYED THE INDEPENDENT CYPRUS REPUBLIC? WHAT HAVE THEY DONE? WHAT MEASURES HAVE THEY ADOPTED?

"THERE ARE THOSE TODAY WHO SAY: TURKS MUST GIVE UP THEIR RIGHTS AND LET THE SHOOTS OF DEMOCRACY TAKE DEEPER ROOTS IN GREECE. BUT IF TURKEY HAD NOT TAKEN ACTION AT THE RIGHT TIME AGAINST THE FRANTIC DICTATORSHIP IN GREECE, THESE SHOOTS OF DEMOCRACY WOULD NEVER SHOW UP AND THE BLACK CLOUDS OF DICTATORSHIP HOVERING OVER GREECE SINCE 1967 WOULD STILL BE THERE.

"WE SHALL BE UNDERSTANDING, WE SHALL BE JUST AND WE SHALL AGREE TO CONCILIATION MOVES, BUT WE SHALL NOT MAKE CONCESSIONS. IN CYPRUS. WE SHALL CERTAINLY MAKE NO CONCESSIONS FOR THE SAKE OF FRIENDS OR FOR THE SAKE OF GREECE, WHO ENJOYS THE SUPPORT OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES. AND WE SHALL MAKE NO CONCESSIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL BRING BACK THE OLD INSECURITY, INJUSTICE AND DISORDER TO CYPRUS.

"WE WENT TO CYPRUS TO GUARANTEE PEACE, SECURITY AND JUSTICE, BOTH FOR TURKS AND FOR CYPRIOT GREEKS AS WELL. AND WE SHALL NOT CONSIDER OUR DUTY HAS BEEN FINISHED BEFORE GUARANTEEING ALL THESE. WE SHALL NOT LEAVE THE STAGE BEFORE WE PULL THE CURTAIN ON THE FINAL ACT OF THE CYPRUS TRAGEDY WHICH THE WHOLE WORLD HAS BEEN AUDIENCE SINCE ELEVEN YEARS. (AS RECEIVED) OUR DUTY WILL COME TO AN END WHEN CYPRUS BECOMES AN INDEPENDENT LAND OF PEACE."

PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT THEN TURNED TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF TURKEY, AND THANKING (AS RECEIVED) TO CRITICISMS OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES ON ECONOMIC ISSUES? SAID:

"IN CYPRUS WE HAVE DEFEATED INJUSTICE AND OPPRESSION. NOW WE MUST STAGE ANOTHER WAR IN TURKEY AGAINST POVERTY AND SOCIAL INJUSTICE. WITH OUR JUST PRICING POLICY, MINIMUM PRICE POLICY FOR WAGE EARNERS, WE HAVE PLEASED MILLIONS OF FARMERS AND WORKERS AND HAVE PROTECTED THEM AGAINST ECONOMIC CRISIS THREATENING THE WORLD. BUT THERE ARE STILL THOSE IN TURKEY TO WHOM THESE MEASURES HAVE NOT BROUGHT COMFORT. THE JUST HAND OF THE STATE WILL SHORTLY REACH THEM.

"UNTIL ALL THE CHILDREN IN TURKEY CAN RECEIVE EDUCATION, UNTIL EVERYBODY IN TURKEY CAN LEAD A HUMANE LIFE, UNTIL EVERY MAN CAN GET EQUIVALENT OF HIS LABOUR, UNTIL EVERY CORNER OF THE LAND CAN BE IRRIGATED AND EVERY VILLAGE IS ILLUMINATED BY ELECTRICITY, AND UNTIL THE FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS START OPERATING, WE SHALL NOT CONSIDER OUR ECONOMIC FIGHT HAS COME TO AN END. BUT I BELIEVE TURKISH NATION WITH ITS CAPABILITIES WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS ECONOMIC WAR, ENJOYING FULL DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS," THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

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THE STATEMENT SAID "AN IMPORTANT FOREIGN SOURCE" -- WHO WAS NOT IDENTIFIED -- HAD SUGGESTED SOME WEEKS AGO THAT BHUTTO COULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN BRINGING THE GREEK AND TURKISH LEADERS TOGETHER TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES OVER CYPRUS.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE FOREIGN SOURCE INDICATED THAT BHUTTO WAS IN A UNIQUE POSITION FOR SUCH A ROLE BECAUSE HE WAS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER AND BECAUSE BAKIYEV HAD A CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH TURKEY.